

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Border Winds Energy / Northern States Power Company  
Transfer of Site Certificate  
Siting Application**

**Case No. PU-17-362**

**ORDER ON REISSUING CERTIFICATE**

**January 10, 2018**

On May 5, 2011, in Case No. PU-08-797, the Commission issued Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 to Sequoia Energy US, Inc. authorizing construction of a proposed 150 MW Border Winds Energy Project and associated facilities in Rolette County, North Dakota.

On February 26, 2014, in Case No. PU-13-742, the Commission granted an Advance Determination of Prudence to Northern States Power Company (NSP dba Xcel Energy) for acquisition of the Border Winds Energy Project.

On April 9, 2014, in Case No. PU-14-31, the Commission reissued Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 to Border Winds Energy, LLC and amended the certificate to authorize turbine and site plan revisions.

On August 20, 2014, in Case No. PU-13-743, the Commission issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5842 to NSP authorizing the purchase and operation of the Border Winds Facility.

On December 3, 2015, Border Winds Energy, LLC was merged into NSP.

On September 22, 2017, in the captioned Case No. PU-17-362, NSP filed an application to transfer Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 from Border Winds Energy, LLC to NSP.

On October 4, 2017 the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which provided until November 15, 2017 for receiving written comments and hearing requests. No hearing requests were received. The Notice identified the issues to be considered in Case No. PU-17-362 are whether NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of the certificates and permit issued to Border Winds Energy, LLC and whether the requested transfer is compatible with the public interest.

NSP is a public utility duly authorized to conduct business in North Dakota. NSP provides retail electric and natural gas service in five upper Midwest states, including North Dakota where it presently serves approximately 94,000 retail electric customers under the regulatory jurisdiction of this Commission.

The affidavit of Christopher B. Clark filed in support of NSP's application affirms that NSP agrees to abide by all of the terms and conditions in Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 and stands ready, willing and able to perform the obligations stated therein.

The Commission finds that NSP agrees and is able to comply with the terms and conditions of Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21.

In accordance with the Commission's previous Orders in Case Nos. PU-13-742 and PU-13-743, the Commission finds that the requested transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 is in the public interest.

Therefore, the Commission issues the following:

**Order**

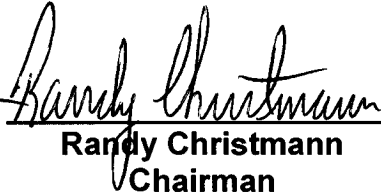
The Commission Orders:

1. The application for transfer of Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 is granted.
2. Second Reissued First Amended Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21 is issued to NSP.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Brian Kroshus**  
Commissioner



**Randy Christmann**  
Chairman



**Julie Fedorchak**  
Commissioner

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**Second Reissued First Amended  
Certificate of Site Compatibility Number 21**

*This is to certify that the Commission has designated an energy conversion facility site for Northern States Power Company's Border Winds Energy Project consisting of approximately 150 MW of total wind turbine generating capacity and associated facilities in Rolette County, North Dakota.*

*The facility may be sited in this designated location in compliance with the energy conversion facility siting criteria. This certificate is issued in accordance with the Finding of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order of the Commission in Case No. PU-08-797 dated May 5, 2011, the Order of the Commission in Case Nos. PU-08-797 and PU-14-31 dated April 9, 2014, and the Order on Reissuing Certificate in Case No. PU-17-362 dated January 10, 2018 and is subject to the conditions and limitations noted in those orders.*

*Bismarck, North Dakota, January 10, 2018.*

**ATTEST:**

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

  
**Executive Secretary**

  
**Commissioner**